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LETTER DATED 4 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The members of the Security Council welcome your report (S/26185) of 28 July 1993 on the situation concerning Western Sahara.

The members of the Council fully support your efforts to make early progress on the preparations for holding the referendum in accordance with resolution 809 (1993). They note that the Identification Commission has now begun preparatory work. They welcome the reaffirmation by the two parties of their commitment to the implementation of the peace plan in its entirety, and, in particular, their encouraging responses to your compromise proposal concerning the interpretation and application of the criteria, and their determination to work towards an early referendum.

The members of the Council agree that the holding of direct talks between the two parties in Laayoune from 17 to 19 July 1993 is a positive development and share your hope that talks will soon resume.

The members of the Council reiterate their support for your renewed efforts to resolve outstanding issues so that an early referendum may be held, and hope they will soon receive your full report in this regard.

(Signed) Madeleine K. ALBRIGHT
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